GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Public Services - Health Medical & Family Welfare Department - Allegation of acquisition of assets disproportionate to the known sources of income against Dr.Uppada Swarajya Lakshmi, formerly District Medical &Health Officer, Kurnool District and presently working as RDMHS, Vishakhapatnam – Article of Charges issued– WSD received – Further action dropped – Regularization of suspension period – Orders- Issued.

HEALTH, MEDICAL AND FAMILY WELFARE (VC.1) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No:589 Dated:09-11-2021.

Read the following:

1. From the DG,ACB,AP,Lr.Rc.No.151/RCA-CIU/2016, Dated;23-01-2017.
2. G.O.Rt.No.193, HM&FW(VC.1)Dept. Dated 22-02-2017.
3. G.O.Rt.No.478, HM&FW (VC.I) Department, Dated:08.10.2020.
4. From DG,ACB,AP,Lr.Rc.No.151/RCA-CIU-ACB/2016,Dt:09-12-2020.
5. G.O.Ms.No.11, HM&FW (VC.I)Dept, dt.04.02.2021.
6. GO.Rt.No.174 HM&FW(VC.1) Dept. Dtd.26-4-2021.
7. G.O.Rt.No.424 HM&FW(VC.I) Dept. Dated:05-08-2021
8. From the DPH&FW, A.P., Vijayawada, Lr No.1539/VC.II.C/2016, Dtd.6-10-2021.

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ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, the Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, AP had informed that on receipt of credible information that Dr. Uppada Swarajya Lakshmi, District Medical and Health Officer, Kurnool District has acquired assets disproportionate to her known sources of income by indulging in corrupt practices a case in Cr.No.11/RCA-CIU/2016 U/s 13(1) (e) r/w 13(2) of P.C. Act, 1988 was registered on 2.7.2016 and requested that the AO may be placed under suspension till disposal of the case for acquisition and possession of Disproportionate Assets through corrupt and dubious means punishable under section 13 (2) read with 13 (1) (e) of the PC ACT, 1988 during her service under AP CS (CCA) Rules, 1991 and as per G.O.Ms.No.411, G.A.D, Dated;20-7-1993.

2. In the G.O. 2nd read above, the Government have decided to accept the recommendations of the Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau and issued orders by placing Dr.Uppada Swarajya Lakshmi, the then DM&HO, Kurnool District under suspension till disposal of the case for acquisition and possession of Disproportionate Assets through corrupt and dubious means punishable under section 13(2) read with 13 (1) (e) of the PC ACT, 1988 during her service under APCS (CCA) Rules, 1991 and as per G.O.Ms.No.411, G.A.D, Dated;20-7-1993.

3. In the G.O. 3rd read above, the suspension of Dr.Uppada Swarajya Lakshmi, the then District Medical and Health Officer, Kurnool District was reviewed in the light of the instructions issued vide G.O.Ms.No.2285, G.A. (Ser.C) Department, Dated;18-5-2012 and G.O.Ms.No.526, G.A. (Ser.C) Department, Dated;19-08-2008 read with G.O.Ms.No.86, G.A.(Ser.C) Department, Dt:08-03-1994 and the Government have decided to revoke her suspension and reinstate her into service without prejudice to the criminal/disciplinary proceedings against her under clause (c) of sub rule (5) of Rule-8 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC&A) Rules,1991. Accordingly, she was reinstated into service and posted as CSRMO, Government Victoria Hospital for Women and Children, Vishakhapatnam.

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4. In the reference 4th read above, the Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, AP, has furnished the final report and informed that as the allegation that Accused Officer Dr.Uppada Swarajya Lakshmi, the then District Medical &Health Officer, Kurnool acquired assets disproportionate to her known sources of income in her name is not substantiated and recommended that further action may be dropped against the Accused Officer on the allegation of assets disproportionate to her known source of income in terms of Government Memo No.623/SPL.C/2008-2, dated:16.10.2008. Accordingly, Government have issued orders.

5. The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau has further stated the A.O. failed to obtain prior permission/prior intimation from the competent authority as contemplated under APCS(Conduct) Rules 1964 while acquiring immovable properties in her name is held substantiated. She also violated the APCS(Conduct) Rules 1964 by not filing the APRs for the entire check period except for the years 2012 and 2013 and recommended that the authorities concerned to initiate departmental action against her for major penalty.

6. After careful examination of the matter, Government have dropped further action against Accused Officer Dr.Uppada Swarajya Lakshmi, formerly District Medical & Health Officer, Kurnool and presently working as RDMHS, Vishakhapatnam on the allegation of acquired assets disproportionate to her known sources of income in her name, in terms of Govt. Memo.No.623/SPL.C/ 2008-2, dated:16.10.2008, as the said allegation was not substantiated in the G.O. 5th read above.

7. Further, in the G.O. 6th read above, draft article of charges were framed against the C.O. i.e. Dr. Uppada Swarajya Lakshmi, formerly District Medical &Health Officer, Kurnool and presently working as CSRMO, Government Victoria Hospital for Women and Children, Vishakhapatnam to initiate departmental action against her for major penalty, for violation of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964. In the reference 17th read above, the DPH&FW has forwarded the Written Statement of Defence of the C.O. i.e. Dr. Uppada Swarajya Lakshmi, formerly DM&HO, Kurnool and presently working as RDMHS, Vishakhapatnam along with her specific remarks to the Government.

8. The Government, after careful examination of the material made available, dropped the further action against Dr.Uppada Swarajya Lakshmi, formerly District Medical &Health Officer, Kurnool and presently working as RDMHS, Vishakhapatnam in the G.O. 7th read above.

10. In the reference 8th read above, the Director of Public Health & Family Welfare A.P., Vijayawada has forwarded the proposals for regularizing the suspension period of Dr.Uppada Swarajya Lakshmi, formerly District Medical &Health Officer, Kurnool presently working as RDMHS, Vishakhapatnam from 22.02.2017 to 18.10.2020 as "On Duty" for all purposes.

11. Government after careful examination of the matter and keeping in view of the provisions contained in FR 54(B), hereby regularize the suspension period of Dr.Uppada Swarajya Lakshmi, formerly District Medical &Health Officer, Kurnool presently working as RDMHS, Vishakhapatnam from 22.02.2017 to 18.10.2020 (BDI) as 'On Duty' for all purposes to enable him to claim all the consequential benefits under FR 54(B).

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12. The Director of Public Health & Family Welfare, AP, Vijayawada shall take further necessary action in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

MUDDADA RAVI CHANDRA
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Dr. Uppada Swarajya Lakshmi, District Medical &Health Officer, Kurnool District and presently working as RDMHS, Vishakhapatnam, through the Director of Public Health & Family Welfare, AP, Vijayawada.
The Director of Public Health & Family Welfare, AP, Vijayawada.

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The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, Pandit Nehru Bus Station, 2nd Floor, Krishnalanka, AP, Vijayawada -520001.
The OSD to Deputy CM (HFW&ME).
The PS to Principal Secretary to Govt. HM&FW Department.
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